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at1118paper: Complete the Square (v409)

Example

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 40x = -364$$

Add $\left(\frac{-40}{2}\right)^2$, which equals 400, to both sides of the equation.

$$x^2 - 40x + 400 = 36$$

Factor the left side.

$$(x - 20)^2 = 36$$

Undo the squaring. We need to consider both $\pm\sqrt{36}$.

$$x - 20 = -6 \qquad \text{or} \qquad x - 20 = 6$$
$$x = 14 \qquad \text{or} \qquad x = 26$$

Question 1

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 22x = 840$$

Question 2

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 8x = 128$$

Question 3

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 36x = 1701$$

Question 4

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 56x = -208$$

Question 5

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 48x = -572$$

Question 6

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 + 28x = 288$$